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**Statement by Governor Jan Brewer**

**Mourning the Loss of MCSO Deputy Coleman**

"This is a day of sadness for the Arizona law enforcement community, as we mourn the loss of Maricopa County Deputy Sheriff William H. Coleman.

"Deputy Coleman, 50, was a 20-year veteran officer and a resident of New River. He was killed early Sunday morning while responding with other deputies to a reported burglary in Anthem. This tragedy is one more example of the danger that our brave members of law enforcement confront on a daily basis. We owe them our gratitude.

"As Arizonans go about their business on this Sunday, I ask that they offer a prayer to the friends, family and MCSO colleagues of Deputy Coleman. I know I will.

"In honor of Deputy William H. Coleman, I have ordered flags lowered to half staff until sundown today, January 8, 2012."

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